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JUNE & JULY 2014 ISSUE

The Next FFF Meeting Will Feature

CHERYL BRIGHT

Executive Director, Fairview Developmental Center

WHEN: Sunday, July 13, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: **Large Classroom in Administration Bldg.**

Follow the signs from the lobby!

Cheryl Bright has returned to Fairview, where she began her career with the Department of Developmental Services in 1980. At that time, she served as a Psychiatric Social Worker in Fairview's intermediate care and nursing programs. In 1994, Cheryl went to Lanterman DC, where for the next 20 years she served as a Standards Compliance Coordinator; a Program Director in both the Nursing and Intermediate Care Program; the Director of Quality Assurance; and finally as the Executive Director of Lanterman Developmental Center. In mid-May, Cheryl Bright became Fairview's Executive Director.

Cheryl Bright attended Boston University and San Diego State University. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, and a Master's Degree in Clinical Social Work with an emphasis in Children, Youth and Family. She has also attended the University of Southern California - School of Gerontology for extended studies in aging.

"During my career, I have been honored to serve the Men and Women living at Fairview and at Lanterman and have had the opportunity to partner with staff, families and advocates in efforts to improve the lives of those entrusted to our care. I have always known that service to others is one of the core values of our Human existence and look forward to my continued service and partnership with the Fairview Community."

Join us Sunday, July 13, to meet Director Cheryl Bright and welcome her to Fairview Families and Friends!

VOR Update at the FFF Meeting

VOR is the national organization advocating for high quality care and human rights for people with developmental disabilities. FFF members Lex Wells, Terry DeBell, and Bob Hazard from Lanterman DC attended the June VOR Washington DC meeting, and joined with families from across the nation to let Congress know our concerns about federal funding for DC models, background checks for direct care workers in community settings, and several other issues important to Fairview residents. Lex, Terry and Bob will share information from the VOR conference at the July 13th FFF meeting.

FFF Meetings – Listen, Learn, Speak Out!

FFF meetings are designed to keep families informed on the issues and activities that affect Fairview residents. Speakers are invited to address a variety of topics, and to learn about family concerns and ideas. This year's meetings have featured a wide variety of speakers ---

Attorneys **Jon Rewinski** and **Matthew Nazareth** started off 2014 with a presentation on the Appellate Court case involving the attempted placement of a Fairview resident by an Orange County Public Defender. We learned about legal topics affecting FDC residents, including writs of habeas corpus, Hop hearings, and independent legal representation of DC residents.

Carlos Flores, San Diego Regional Center Executive Director, joined us in March to review the Mandatory Comprehensive Assessments, now required for all DC residents to determine what supports would be needed for community placement. Vital information was shared about the assessment format, who conducts them, who is notified, and the role of the family. This meeting was a valuable introduction to a topic that will affect all Fairview residents and their families.

At that same meeting, **Dwayne LaFon**, acting Executive Director, gave an overview on Fairview activities, including unit consolidations, new construction, staffing issues, and the program improvement plan for ICF certification. This meeting was a great opportunity for executive staff and families to have an in-depth conversation about the Center and its services.

In May, **Santi Rogers**, newly-appointed Director of the Department of Developmental Services, joined us along with **Patricia Flannery**, Deputy Director of Developmental Centers. We learned more about the Future of the DC Task Force recommendations, and what this means for Fairview residents. Our speakers learned directly from families what is important to them.

FFF greatly appreciates all the information that these speakers have brought to us in the past 6 months. FFF also thanks the meeting attendees (and FFF members!) who participate in the dynamic discussions. FFF meetings are a great way to keep informed and also support other families and Fairview. We look forward to seeing you and hearing you at the upcoming meetings!.

Message from the Regional Center of Orange County to Fairview Families

The Regional Center of Orange County (RCOC) is recruiting new members for the Board of Directors. If a parent or relative of a consumer at Fairview, who lives in Orange County, is interested, please call (714) 796-5206, to have a Board application mailed to you; or, you can complete the form online at our website by following the link below:

<http://www.rcocdd.com/wp-content/uploads/pdf/BOD/RCOCBODApplication.pdf>

Harbor Regional Center and Hop Hearings

Harbor Regional Center is responsible for about 52 Developmental Center residents, many of whom are at Fairview DC. Hop hearings are the legal review of DC placement by the County Superior Courts, usually done every year. Harbor RC has informed families that they are no longer participating in any Hop hearings. The Los Angeles Superior Court has ordered Harbor RC to continue to participate in the Hop Hearings for those Fairview residents who are from L.A. County. It is not known if Orange County Superior Court has issued the same order. Harbor RC is continuing the community placement process for some Fairview residents. There are many questions regarding Harbor Regional Center's actions, from all parties involved. Fairview DC and the Department of Developmental Services are aware of these actions, and are sorting out the issues involved. This concern will be revisited as information is provided.

Update on Shannon's Mountain

Shannon's Mountain is a 10 acre site on the grounds of Fairview Developmental Center. This land was declared surplus several years ago. Plans were made to develop a community similar to Harbor Village, which offers affordable housing with up to 20% of the units reserved for individuals with developmental disabilities. Here's an update from the Department of Developmental Services:

The DDS has recently been in discussion with the Department of General Services (DGS), and will continue to discuss options for moving this project forward as we consider the project an important piece of assuring services and supports in the community for consumers served by DDS. Some of the issues that impacted the previous proposal included:

Specific concerns exempting the project from Public Works law with respect to: Prevailing wage - Capital outlay projects including the relocation of a DC swimming pool, public credit union, development of a new access road, etc. - Subsidized units and revenue sharing and the subsidy of units

This proposal has the support of many local city and state legislators, Regional Centers, advocates, and Fairview families. There are many who would like to see Developmental Center assets such as the land used to provide needed services, such as housing, for those with developmental disabilities.

Self-Determination Program Moving Forward! Website Up and Running!

The Self-Determination Program will allow Regional Center consumers and their families to manage their own budget and directly choose services. This program has been discussed at several FFF meetings and included in the newsletter. There is now a website that "is designed to allow those interested to follow the progress and learn more about Self-Determination as the program moves toward implementation." Check it out! www.dds.ca.gov/SDP/Index.cfm

Checklist for DC Families – Make sure YOU are up to date!

Conservatorship of your family member – is it current?

Your Regional Center – do you know which one serves your family member?

Your contact information – does your FDC Social Worker and RC Case Worker have your full contact information – phone numbers, email, address, etc?

FAIRVIEW DC POPULATION (4 Year View):

May 2014 = 317; June 2013 = 342; June 2012 = 374; and June 2011 = 397

FFF Membership – Why It Is Important to You and Your Family!

The 2014 membership form for Fairview Families and Friends is on the next page. We hope that you will renew your membership for this year, and urge your family members and friends to sign up also. If you are not a current member, please consider joining. Thank you to those who have already responded – your participation is greatly appreciated!

Fairview Families and Friends was organized many years ago to support the families and the residents of Fairview Developmental Center. FFF does this in many ways:

FFF holds six general meetings a year at Fairview, open to all. The FFF meetings are an opportunity for families to come face- to- face with various speakers who have an impact on Fairview residents and others with developmental disabilities who live in the community. Recent speakers have included the Director and Deputy Directors of the Department of Developmental Services, and Executive Directors of local Regional Centers – (*see the article on recent meetings in this newsletter*). Other meetings have included the Board President of a local Regional Center (a parent of a child with autism), an overview of the quality assurance system for community-based services, and the attorneys who are representing a Fairview resident against community placement attempts by the Public Defender. The upcoming meeting will feature the new Executive Director of Fairview DC, and a report from the Fairview families who attended the VOR national convention.

FFF collects and distributes vital information to families in person at the meetings, and by request through the FFF office. This includes information on conservatorships, Hop hearings, legislation, Center activities, IPP hearings, and many other activities important to the residents and families of Fairview.

FFF provides an IPP Committee, composed of some members of our Board of Directors, who have experience and knowledge in the Individual Program Plan process, which is the foundation of DC placement and the services provided for each resident at Fairview. These family members are available to assist and advise other families on the IPP meetings for their loved one.

The FFF newsletter reaches families, Fairview staff, legislators, Regional Center personnel, disability advocates, legal advocates, personnel from the Department of Developmental Services, and many others across the state. The 6 yearly issues provide a family perspective about issues that directly affect the Fairview residents.

FFF Board members are involved in key disability organizations—including VOR, CASHPCR, Regional Center Boards, Area Board 11, Governor’s Advisories Boards, the Olmstead Commission, and others. All of these give FFF and YOU, as a member of FFF, a voice within these organizations and access to news on statewide and national legislation and policy that affect services for DC residents and others.

FFF supports the residents of Fairview with an annual monetary gift (\$5,000 to each program this year!), used by the Fairview programs to enhance the lives of the residents. This money is raised by donations and a prize raffle, which are awarded at an annual luncheon party that is greatly enjoyed by all attendees! Everyone wins something!

Join Fairview Families and Friends and help us to help our residents and families!

FFF MEETING DATES FOR 2014!

July 13

September 14

November 16

FOR ASSISTANCE ON IPP's & PLACEMENTS –
Call JOE PRESTON at (714) 203-1001!

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please use the Membership Form below to enroll in FFF or renew your existing membership in FFF for 2014. Indicate your choice of membership by placing your (X) below.

CHOICE OF MEMBERSHIP DONATION

() Individual Membership Donation.....\$25.00

() Family Membership Donation.....\$35.00

Note: A Family Membership covers ALL Family Members residing at the same address.

() I want an Individual Membership. My check for: \$25.00 is enclosed.

() We want a Family Membership. Our check for: \$35.00 is enclosed.

I would also like to make an additional donation of \$_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Note: If you are sending both your membership dues and an additional donation, you may use one check to cover both of these items.

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3) _____ (4) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME #: _____ WORK #: _____

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Relationship to developmentally disabled person: _____

Disabled person resides at Home: _____ Fairview: _____ Private Facility: _____

Other State Facility: _____ Community Facility: _____

Other: _____

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